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Professor Joshua Lederberg Stanford University Stanford, California

Dear Josh:

Eugene Garfield has just told me of your interest in citation indexes for genetics. I have been talking about them to human geneticists for several years without striking a spark of interest except in Everett Dempster. Perhaps microbial genetics is a newer and tighter field than human genetics and better for a trial of citation indexing. On the other hand, Gates and the American Journal of Human Genetics together provide a nearly complete bibliography on human genetics.

I would be glad to help design a trial citation index for any field of genetics, but I think the field as a whole is probably too broad. What do you think?

Sincerely yours,

Gordon Allen

* mainly to the Board Director of the Am. for I Human Genetics.

Dempoter is the only on who has been interested enough to write to me, but maybe some others have responded favorably.

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